



File Code: 2210/2230

Date: May 17, 2010

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Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as our Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Mosby Mountain Allotment during the 2010 grazing season. The following items were discussed and agreed upon at our Annual Operating Meeting on May 13, 2010 and will guide our management of the allotment this year:

### **Distribution and Grazing Strategy**

We will follow the enclosed Distribution and Grazing Strategy. The amount of time spent in each unit will depend upon actual forage utilization and distribution patterns. The dates proposed and the units scheduled are tentative and depend upon the availability of forage, water, and the effects of weather. We will follow the proposed schedule unless there is good reason to change. Please let us know in advance if you anticipate any variance from this strategy.

### **Proper Allowable Use**

Utilization standards for the Mosby Mountain Allotment will be described using allowable use percentages of available forage. Allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. A four to six inch stubble height of riparian forage species, such as sedges, will be left in all riparian areas (i.e., stream corridors and wet meadows) at the end of the grazing season. Allowable use will be monitored at key areas on the allotment. Key areas are those rangelands or riparian areas on the allotment most preferred by livestock and are typically grazed first and receive the most concentrated use. When allowable use is met in key areas, cattle will be moved to the next scheduled unit or removed from the allotment, if it is the last scheduled unit to be grazed. Utilization cages, ocular utilization examinations, or stubble height measurement may be used to determine forage utilization by livestock in key areas.

### **Fees**

Please ensure that your Bill for Collection for the upcoming grazing season is paid by the due date.

### **Range Improvement Maintenance and Construction**

All allotment boundary fences, division fences, water developments, and other improvements of the first unit used will be repaired before livestock are allowed onto the allotment. All water developments, unit fences, and other improvements will be in good working order before cattle are permitted to enter the next scheduled unit in the rotation. We will be inspecting these fences



and developments before livestock go on and also before they move into each unit. If these repairs are not done, you will not be allowed onto the allotment, or you may be required to come off the allotment early.

As discussed in our Annual Operating Meeting, the permittees will clean up the wire, posts, etc. associated with the Birch Springs Pond located in the Lyman Springs Unit and the Forest Service will haul this material off the Forest. The permittees also agreed to reconstruct the fence around Birch Springs this year. Let us know what kind of materials you will need to complete this project.

### **Weed Free Hay**

Any hay or straw used on the Forest should be certified and tagged as noxious weed seed free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Please make sure that any hay, straw or mulch used on the Forest complies with this order.

### **Records**

The Actual Use and Permittee Expense forms are for your use in recording the actual livestock use, losses, and operating expenses during the upcoming grazing season. Please make sure that the information recorded on these forms is correct and returned to our office no later than October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

We look forward to working with you again this year, and appreciate your willingness to cooperate with us in the proper management of the Mosby Mountain Allotment. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dustin Bambrough at (435) 781-5175 or (435) 790-5963 cell.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Nicholas T. Schmelter*  
NICHOLAS T. SCHMELTER  
District Ranger

## DISTRIBUTION AND GRAZING STRATEGY

ALLOTMENT: MOSBY MOUNTAIN DATE: 2010 RIDER: Permittees

PERMITTED NUMBER: 402 Cattle SEASON OF USE: 06/11 – 09/30

### PLANNED USE\*

ORDER OF USE		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
UNIT NAME	Big Tom	Lower Reseed	Upper Reseed	Grouse Creek	Paradise	Grouse Creek	Lyman Spring
NUMBERS OF	402	402	402	402	402	402	402
NUMBER OF DAYS	7	16	19	7	32	7	24
SEASON OF USE	6/11 - 6/17	6/18 - 7/3	7/4 - 7/22	7/23 - 7/29	7/31 - 8/30	8/31 - 9/6	9/7 - 9/30

\* Planned use is tentative and can be adjusted according to time of plant development, forage supply, and availability of water for the current grazing season.

### ACTUAL USE

NUMBERS						
DATE ENTERED						
DATE LEFT						

### ACTUAL USE/LOSSES BY INDIVIDUAL PERMITTEE

PERMITTEE NAME	GENE BROWN RANCHES, LLC	VIRGINIA HOUSTON	CLARK MCKEE
PERMITTED NUMBERS	169	168	65
ACTUAL NUMBERS			
ACTUAL DATES OF USE (ON/OFF)			
TOTAL LOSSES			
POISON			
PREDATOR			
OTHER			